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United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

July 24, 2022
10:00 am

"The Mercy that Quenches our Thirst."
7th Sunday after Pentecost

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **JOSHUA CATANIA**

"I Would Be True"
Joseph Peek

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **REV. LEANN SETO**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **JENN ZIBBELL**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Zoom Host, Worship Leader and Greeter is Jenn Zibbell.
  - The Greeter will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Lead Us from Death to Life"
581 NCH

CALL TO WORSHIP *Unison **JENN ZIBBELL**

One: Holy One, our lives are as fragile as water jars.

All: We often think we stand alone and separate, responsible for every outcome of our lives.

One: Truth is, it is in Jesus that all of our stories intersect. In this way, our stories become sacred and shame-free…

All: …and we can find life from drinking Living Water instead.

One: Thanks be to the Creator and Mediator of compassion and justice, now and always.
All: Amen, amen, amen.

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"It Is Well with My Soul"
438 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Psalm 85:8-13** **JENN ZIBBELL**

SECOND READING **Colossians 1:3-14** **REV. LEANN SETO**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Renew Your Church"
311 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"The Mercy that Quenches our Thirst"** **REV. LEANN SETO**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording (button with two vertical lines)
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **REV. LEANN SETO**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **REV. LEANN SETO**

Lord, thou hast given us they Word for a light to shine upon our path; grant us so to meditate on that Word, and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **REV. LEANN SETO**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offertory plate on the table by the door.

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First Congregational United Church of Christ
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Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Touch the Earth Lightly"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
Shirley Murray

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v.2 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **JENN ZIBBELL**

Jesus, thank you for being the Water Jar into which we can pour our joys and sorrows and find ourselves in the story of God. Because of your mercy, we, like the Samaritan woman, find ourselves able to accept help and reach out for friendship in new ways. Bless these gifts we give today from hearts touched by your mercy, and help us leave our leaky water jars behind. Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"We Have This Ministry"
47 ES

BENEDICTION (UNISON) **REV. LEANN SETO**

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, death, in life beyond death God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE **"Vision for Tomorrow, Action for Today"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
Tom Hunter

PASSING THE PEACE *Stop Zoom Recording (square button) **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Joshua Catania, Accompanist

Rev. LeAnn Seto, Guest Preacher
Jen Zibbell , Zoom Host/Worship Leader/Greeter/MID Ministry Intern
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Liz On Vacation: Pastor Liz will be on vacation between July 20 and August 2--returning on August 3. Please contact Moderator, Donna Eyster with pastoral care concerns or emergencies during this time.

Worship Next Week: Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern, Preaching. Donna Eyster, Zoom Host, Worship Leader, Greeter.

Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern will preach July 31. Thank you Jenn for sharing your gifts, faith and creativity with us.

Luncheon Gatherings:

There are three remaining summer lunch gatherings:

- **July 24** – 1:00 K&D Bistro (Vietnamese), 1290 Anna J. Stepp Rd., Ypsi, 48197
- **August 7** – 1:00 Los Amigos Fiesta, 4855 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor, 48108
- **August 21** – Lillian Long will host, 505 Boulderstone Ln, Chelsea, 48188

Beginning Monday, Oct 3 at 7:00 pm Zoom: Weekly gathering for our community of faith to complete the work of "Purpose = Identity + Context + Values" from Susan Beaumont's *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season*:

- Thanks to all who completed the Google Survey on day/time availability.

- A majority of folks (11 total) indicated they could be available Monday at 7:00 pm.
- In order to address the concerns raised by almost half the responders about absences due to summer family and travel commitments, these discernment gatherings will begin on **Monday, Oct 3**
- Please use the more relaxed summertime to allow the ideas in Susan Beaumont's book to percolate while continuing to pray that we may recognize and respond to the ministry and missions God's Spirit is calling YFC UCC to next.

The Coffee Ministry at Trinity Health St Joseph Mercy continues.
During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of our faith community provided local coffee, cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at St. Joe Hospital where Dan Kidder-McQuon is the night chaplain.

While COVID has faded (for now), and the hospital has resumed "normal" operations for the most part. What hasn't changed has been the stress level of night staff. Some of this is leftover from the effects of COVID: lack of staff, nation-wide nurse shortage, burnout.

In response to the ongoing night staff stress, Dan has kept the coffee ministry going, which continues to mean a great deal to the night staff.

Local establishments that roast their own coffee, which the staff has enjoyed include:

Hyperion Coffee Co, RoosRoast, Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea, Mighty Good Coffee Roasting Co, Zingermans Coffee Co, TeaHaus, Bridge Community Café, or a favorite coffee of a member of our community.

From Dan: *Some angels of our church have helped me keep the coffee ministry going. On a regular basis, I get the best coffee in Michigan dropped off by Marty, plus resupplies of cups. You have no idea how thankful I am, and how thankful the staff are for this blessing. It's spread: A couple staff members (a security sergeant and a nurse) have been donating coffee, as they know about the ministry. I just want the church to know you have been a blessing to hundreds of nurses, techs, doctors, clerks, cleaners, security, and every now and then chaplains and patient families. Holy grounds!*

Marty Kleino will gladly see your contribution reach Dan. Contact Marty: 734-262-1419

VITUAL NATIONAL ONA GATHERING!
We'll gather virtually Aug. 5, 6 and 7 for our first National ONA Gathering since 2019! Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate 50 years of LGBTQ+ advocacy in the United Church of Christ, the historic ordinations of Bill Johnson and Anne Holmes—the first openly gay and openly lesbian candidates called to ordained ministry in the UCC, and to renew our commitment to a future of inclusion and advocacy for all of the God's queer people.

National ONA Gathering page on openandaffirming.org. REGISTER

Sunday, September 18 is our Fall Kick-Off Sunday. Hybrid worship (both in-person and on Zoom) resumes.

Sunday, September 25: Our Neighborhood and Community Pet Blessing Ceremony. Jenn Zibbell, MID, is Team Lead for this special event. Look for more from Jenn as to how you can participate in preparations.

NEW BEGINNINGS: Welcome *Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel to the Michigan Conference*

One hundred and forty-six churches, six Conference Associations, along with members of Staff and the Board of Directors of the Michigan Conference UCC are excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel as our new Conference Minister. Our hope is that as she travels about the State of Michigan visiting and attending meetings; the uniqueness and diversity of each church will become apparent of all that we represent. I'm sure there will be many "Lillian Sightings" to report as

Rev. Daniel familiarizes herself with her new surroundings, our churches and the people within them. With new beginnings there will be relationship building which entails sharing new visions as well as keeping and blending some of our past visions. There is excitement and anticipation as we transition into another season in the life of our beloved Conference.

We look forward to the installation of Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel as our sixth Conference Minister at our Annual Gathering. This will be a historical installation as Rev. Daniel will be the first female to be installed in this position. Please make sure you register for this event which will be held via zoom on October 22, 2022 with the theme titled **"Facing Change with Courage"** so that you can witness this special event.

Rev. Daniel, may God grant you peace and joy, allowing you to grow in knowledge and faith with this new path in your journey with Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Judith Booker, Board President
Michigan Conference United Church of Christ

Pastor Liz serves as Vice President of the Michigan Conference. We read Rev Daniel's book *When Spiritual but Not Religious Is Not Enough* , in our book study last fall.

Parables Ministry Update: Please refer to next page for a letter from Rev. LeAnn Seto and Anne Marie Nicoll-Turner with some very exciting news. God's Blessing on this impactful ministry.

July 18, 2022

Hello dear Parables families,

It is with incredible delight that I write to you… Parables is about to resume in-person worship together this fall! It will be 30 months in September since we stopped gathering regularly in-person due to Covid, and in that time, Parables has found a new home for itself! **Chelsea First United Methodist Church is located at 128 Park Street, just one block away from its original location.**

I cannot say enough about the amazing planning and preparation that have gone into this new endeavor, and how many more people have become allies working for the longevity of this ministry. God birthed Parables in 2017 and is continuing to hold her hand as she steps into the world. John and I are long-time members of Chelsea First. He and I will continue to be a part of Parables, along with other new and returning regular worship leaders and an implementation team. We hope you'll be able to re-connect with the Parables community. If you would like to join us in serving through Parables, please let us know. There is a place for you!

Three events to put on your calendar:

1. **Sunday, August 14, 12:15pm:** Timbertown gathering with lunch following (much like last summer---a time to re-connect with old friends and learn what's new)
2. **Saturday, August 27th:** "Parables" float in the Chelsea Fair Parade (we would love your help---email at leanncseto@gmail.com for more info)

3. **<u>Sunday, September 25, 11:00 am</u>:** Kick-off Sunday worship ***with special launch luncheon from 12-1pm*** at Chelsea First United Methodist Church (drop off at main door is available; parking is plentiful; worship is on the main floor---no stairs to navigate, and restrooms are close-by).

If you would like to see what this faith community feels like and the other activities you may wish to join here, check out www.chelseaumc.org

I will be serving as a worship coordinator for Parables in its new home; a small group of people plan to take turns sharing the message each week with a familiar monthly theme like patience, forgiveness, service, etc. Chelsea First has a large congregational care team and is so looking forward to including the people of the Parables ministry into their family of faith.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

LeAnn

Rev. LeAnn Seto, on behalf of the rest of the Parables Implementation Team:

Don Redding, Jody Croskey, Jane Shrosbree, and Heidi Doyle

OUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Welcome into This Place

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Music arrangement: Jimmie Abbington and Darryl Glenn Nettles
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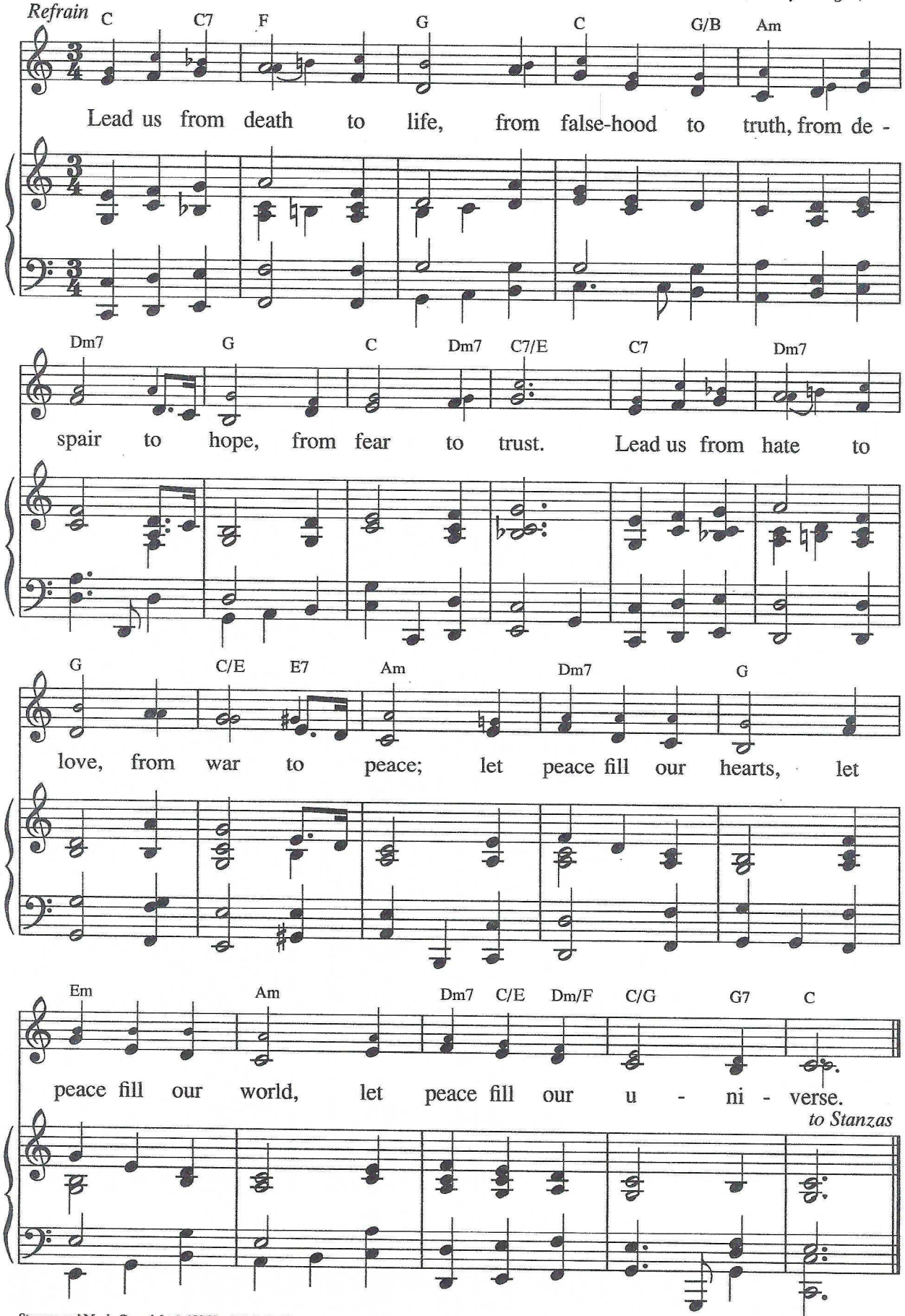
Lead Us from Death to Life

2 John 1:3; Isa. 2:2–4

Refrain, Satish Kumar
Stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1985


Refrain
C C7 F G C G/B Am
Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de -
Dm7 G C Dm7 C7/E C7 Dm7
spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to
G C/E E7 Am Dm7 G
love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let
Em Am Dm7 C/E Dm/F C/G G7 C
peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.
to Stanzas
Last time, end

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Dm7 G Em7 Am
1 Still all the an-gry cries, still all the an-gry guns, still now your
2 So man-y lone-ly hearts, so man-y bro-ken lives, long-ing for
3 Let jus-tice ev-er roll, let mer-cy fill the earth, let us be-
Dm7 G7 C Am Dm7
peo-ple die, earth's sons and daugh-ters. Let jus-tice roll, let
love to break in-to their an-guish. Come, teach us love,
gin to grow in-to your peo-ple. We can be love,
E7 Am F D7/F♯ C/G G7 C to Refrain
mer-cy pour down, come and teach us your way of com-pas-sion.
come, teach us peace, come and teach us your way of com-pas-sion.
we can bring peace, we can still be your way of com-pas-sion.

The text for the refrain of this hymn is known as the "World Peace Prayer." It is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, *the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism. Since its introduction at a service in Westminster Abbey on Hiroshima Day, 1981, the prayer has been translated into numerous languages and circulated around the world. The musical setting and additional stanzas were composed by Marty Haugen, composer-in-residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minnesota.*

Tune: WORLD PEACE PRAYER
12.11.9.10. with refrain
Marty Haugen, 1985

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Renew Your Church

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Matt. 5:13–16; Luke 11:1–4; Mark 12:28–34

Kenneth L. Cober, 1960; alt.

1 Re - new your church, its min - is - tries re - store: both to serve
2 Teach us your word, re - veal its truth di - vine; on our path
3 Teach us to pray, for you are ev - er near; your still voice
4 Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all—
and a - dore. Make us a - gain as salt through-out the land,
let it shine. Tell of your works, your might - y acts of grace;
let us hear. Our souls are rest - less till they rest in you;
hu - man-kind! Break down old walls of prej - u - dice and hate;
and as light from a stand. 'Mid som - ber shad - ows
from each page show your face. As you have sent your
this is life, full and true. Be - fore your pres - ence
leave us not to our fate. As you have loved and
of the night, where greed and ha - tred spread their blight, O
Christ to save, in love to tri - umph o'er the grave, O
keep us still that we may find for us your will And
given your life to end hos - til - i - ty and strife, Your

Kenneth L. Cober grew up in Puerto Rico, the son of missionary parents. Cober has served churches in many states and has written several books about church education.

Tune: ALL IS WELL 10.6.10.6.8.8.8.6.
Traditional English melody

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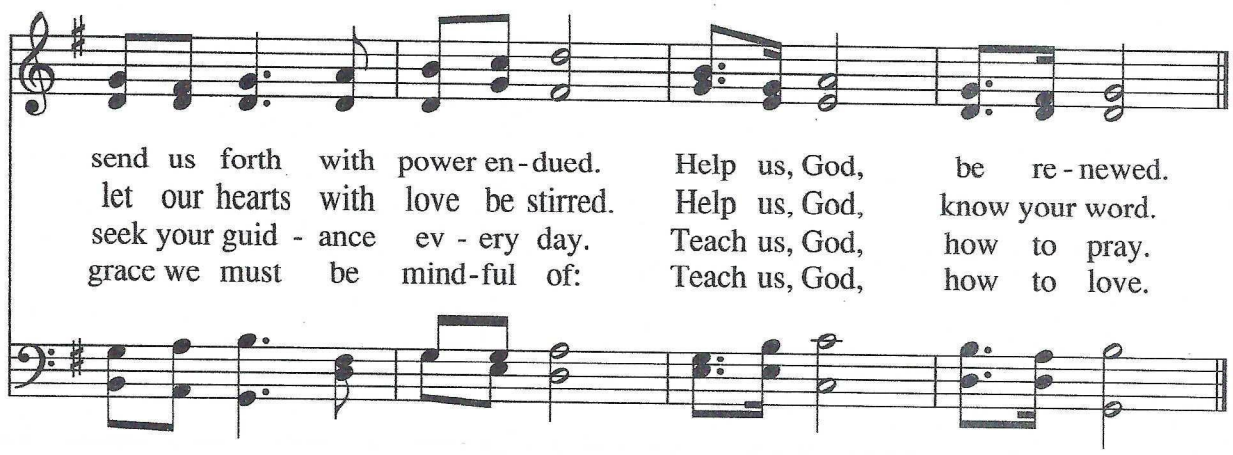
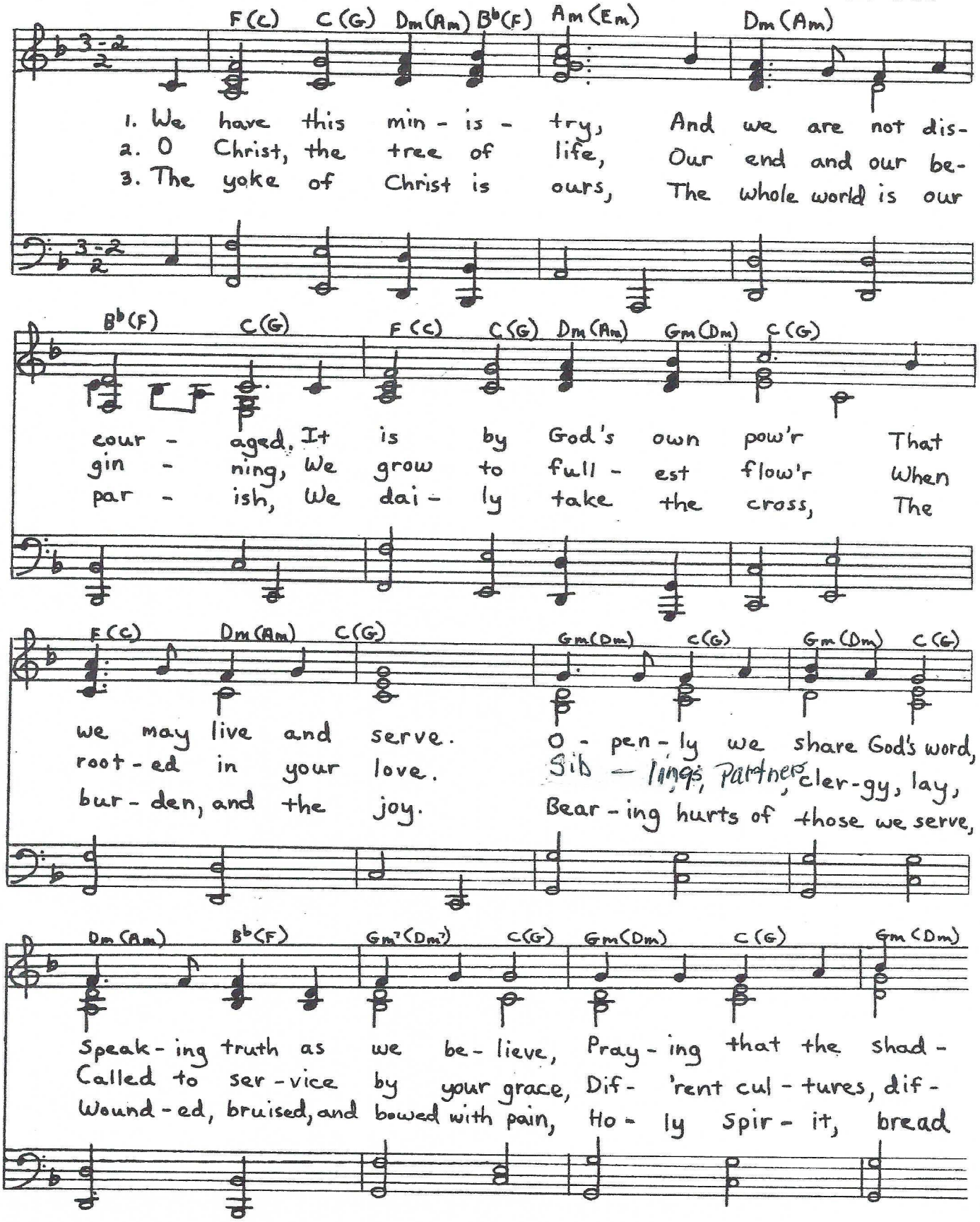
THE CHURCH

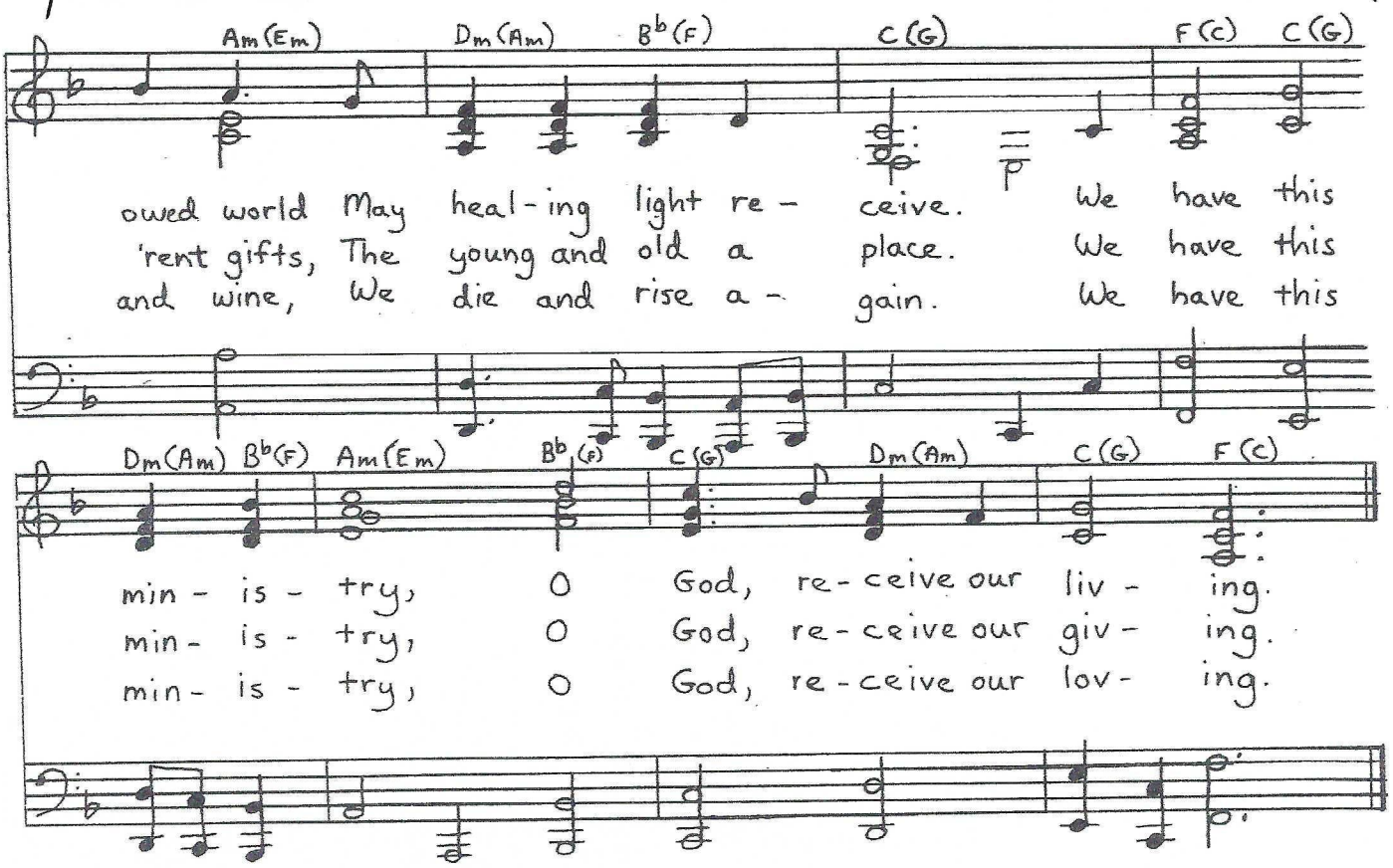

send us forth with power en-dued. Help us, God, be re-newed.
let our hearts with love be stirred. Help us, God, know your word.
seek your guid - ance ev - ery day. Teach us, God, how to pray.
grace we must be mind-ful of: Teach us, God, how to love.

47 We Have This Ministry

Guitar capo: 5 play: C

Words and music by
Jim Strathdee


F(C) C(G) Dm(Am) B♭(F) Am(Em) Dm(Am)
1. We have this min - is - try, And we are not dis-
2. O Christ, the tree of life, Our end and our be-
3. The yoke of Christ is ours, The whole world is our
B♭(F) C(G) F(C) C(G) Dm(Am) Gm(Dm) C(G)
cour - aged, It is by God's own pow'r That
gin - ning, We grow to full - est flow'r When
par - ish, We dai - ly take the cross, The
F(C) Dm(Am) C(G) Gm(Dm) C(G) Gm(Dm) C(G)
we may live and serve. O - pen - ly we share God's word,
root - ed in your love. Sib - lings, Partners, cler - gy, lay,
bur - den, and the joy. Bear - ing hurts of those we serve,
Dm(Am) B♭(F) Gm7(Dm7) C(G) Gm(Dm) C(G) Gm(Dm)
Speak - ing truth as we be - lieve, Pray - ing that the shad -
Called to ser - vice by your grace, Dif - 'rent cul - tures, dif -
Wound - ed, bruised, and bowed with pain, Ho - ly Spir - it, bread


Am(Em) Dm(Am) B♭(F) C(G) F(C) C(G)
owed world May heal-ing light re- ceive. We have this
'rent gifts, The young and old a place. We have this
and wine, We die and rise a- gain. We have this
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Dm(Am) B♭(F) Am(Em) B♭(F) C(G) Dm(Am) C(G) F(C)
min- is- try, O God, re-ceive our liv- ing.
min- is- try, O God, re-ceive our giv- ing.
min- is- try, O God, re-ceive our lov- ing.

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